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borned by six hours each way, and thus save one night's travelling in trains either between Melbourne and Brisbane or between Brisbane and Sydney.

YESTERDAY the Railway Commissioners received tenders for various works and supplies. Five tenders were received for the supply of carriages and coaches required for New South Wales, and also under Rodford, at schedule rates. The lowest tender for 12 refrigerating cars was Mr. B. Carnochan's, at £1000, his price has not been made available. Four tenders were received for building additional accommodation at Gorrumbie station. The lowest rate, the lowest being that of C. J. Macfarlane, was £159 16s 8d.

MRS. BUTCHLER, the botanical collector of the Technological Museum, last presented to the Botanical Districts of New South Wales, and he reports very favourably of that locality as a collecting ground for vegetable products. Although it is a new district possessing almost unknown resources, and he has scarcely had time to learn the geography of the place, he has forwarded specimens of many plants, some fragments of species from the borders of the district.

Before the close of this year it is expected that the botanical wealth of this famous scrub or bush will have been completely explored. It is to the credit of Mrs. Butcher, acting under the supervision of the curator, that the Technological Museum owns its fine collections of timber, gums, kinos, resins, oils, essences, seeds, and other vegetable products from the western and southern parts of this colony.

The material, upon arrival at the museum, is subjected to a strict scientific examination in order to determine its value for commercial purposes. A large analysed wattle bark is already the first product of Australia, and now it will be largely augmented by the northern species, while the Herbarium will greatly benefit from the great number of specimens. Nearly 200 have been received from Lismore, on the Richmond River. These include timber, gums, resins, grasses, and fodder plants. To the collection of foreign products is due.

A new department is being made up by the Technical Education Branch of Public Instruction in the

establishment of ladies' classes at Burwood, Hurwood, and Ashfield, and the school, to give the women a chance to improve themselves. The course of instruction includes elementary physiology and anatomy, with practical demonstration. The management of the sick-room: Furniture and ventilation, disposal of sewage, use of disinfectants. The care and management of the patient. Bedmaking. The use of the bed and how to move the sick in bed, the prevention and cure of bed sores, how to administer the clock and hot and cold baths, the use of the clinical thermometer, and the use of the Medical Officer's orders. The treatment of typhoid fever, pneumonia, influenza, and typhoid of paries. Special nursing in cases of puerperal fever, fevers in general, consumption and other diseases of the lungs, rheumatism, rheumatic fever, rheumatic diseases, and scrofula. Treatment in emergencies, such as cases of drowning, fits, poisoning (poisons and their antidotes), rabies, snake bites, scalds, burns, lacerations, fractures, dislocations, sprains, contusions, bruises, and head injuries. Mr. Thomas, a trained nurse who for some time held a high position on the nursing staff at Prince Alfred Hospital, has been engaged to give the course of lectures. Already the movement has been taken up with great enthusiasm by many ladies resident in the district, and the school of nursing has been opened at Ashfield.

Mr. ALANER GALE, an inspector of the Department of Education Branch of Public Instruction, has been reported to the superintendent of the Sub-Department that he has visited the Cooma district. Towards the conclusion of the report, however, more is made of a certain planning and the planning implements that are being made. Mr. Gale has been subject to a certain amount of trouble. The superintendent informed me that in his own private residence, situated some distance from the school, he made an attempt to read an account previously made in the school. The schoolmaster, however, is still in their need leaves. On Monday the stripping of wattle bark is a payable industry.

There are authentic proof that one man sent 300 tons

which he received £9 10s per ton. The only labour he bestowed upon it was the preparation for market. Mr. A. E. Haswell, of Wandsworth, was successful in raising sales of some 500 yards.

MR WILLIAM WIDENYER was the recipient of numerous congratulations yesterday with reference to the honour conferred upon him by Her Majesty, and he was overwhelmed with telegrams yesterday morning to offer their cordial felicitations that Sir William experienced considerable difficulty in making his appearance on the Bench with anything like a suitable number of robes. Sir William took his seat, Mr. Leverrier, on behalf of the Bar, then repeatedly repeated the congratulations, and Sir William briefly responded.

An important point bearing upon the liability of the rights of inland navigation was argued yesterday before the Full Court. In March last an action was brought by plaintiff, John W. Aldin, against the defendant, W. A. Kebley, of the defendant's residence, Chascombe, near Windsor, for recovery of a clearance from a warehouse to remove, or compensation for its detention. Plaintiff also claimed damages for the detention of the goods, and for the purpose owing to the negligence of the defendant in the care of it. The defendant pleaded that at the time of the detention of the goods he had paid £267 10s, payable by one William J. Noud to the plaintiff for the board, lodging, and entertainment of Noud (from whom plaintiff purchased), and that he had no other means of recovering compensation for the keep and stabling of the horses. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, with £50 damages for the detention of the goods, and £410 for the detention of the horses in consequence of such detention. The defendant is now seeking to have the verdict set aside, mainly on the ground that the horse in question was substantially injured in his leg. The matter is of considerable length, and various authorities have been cited in order to elucidate the question of the responsibilities and rights of innkeepers towards persons who are lodged in their houses, and liable to be detained in them.

tion lodgers, who might be said to have entered upon a contract as to their accommodation. The court reserved judgment.

Among the other matters argued before the Full Bench yesterday was an application by plaintiff in *George v. Munro* for a new trial. In March last George V. Tate sued Dr. Munro to recover compensation upon the purchase, through his agency, by Dr. Tate, of a certain lot of land at Port Hacking. It appeared that under instructions from defendant, he plaintiff negotiated with Sir John Robertson and Dr. Holliday for the purchase of the property, comprising 50 acres. The vendors at first asked £30 per acre, but the plaintiff eventually obtained the property for the cash of defendant at £25 per acre. The plaintiff afterwards applied to the defendant for his commission on the transaction; he was referred by him to the vendors. Unless the defendant's commission was actually acted upon, the plaintiff contended, he was not entitled to it. He now applied for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was against evidence and the weight of evidence was manifestly unequal. The judge, however, being of opinion that the verdict was manifestly wrong, and that plaintiff had acted ill enough as defendant's agent, and not as an agent for himself, refused to grant a new trial, and set out down the interests of defendant. Mr. Justice Foster said that if there was one class of contracts which ought to be required by Act of Parliament to be in writing, it was the class of contracts which he believed that they led to more fraud and improper evidence in Courts of justice than any other kind of agreement.

The *Parties in Divorce* were continued yesterday before Sir William Windeyer, who disposed of four long list of cases. Decrees nisi for dissolution of marriage were granted in *Cooper v. Cooper*, *Wash v. Wash*, *Robertson v. Robertson*, *Wright v. Todd*, *Lockhead v. Lockhead*, *Gubbay v. Gubbay*, and *Wright v. Eldred*.

In the District Court yesterday, Judge Murray disposed of several undefended cases, in which the plaintiff was ordered to pay the defendant £10 damages.

A DEPUTY order in the following terms has been issued from the Police Department in connection with the demise of Constable O'Brien, who was fatally injured in George-street on Saturday 1891.—The Inspector-General has received with extreme concern the report of the death of Constable De Courveye O'Brien, which adds another name to the honours of the police who have sacrificed their lives in the execution of their duty, the force and the public having in this instance lost the services of a promising and efficient officer. The Inspector-General desires that every respect may be shown to the deceased's funeral by the attendance of as many of his officers and comrades as can be easily











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